

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

### ANNUAL SESSIONS OF LEGISLATURE—COMPENSATION, PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

H. J. R. No. 1

Proposing an amendment to Section 5 and 24 and authorizing a new Section of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to provide for annual Sessions of the Legislature; changing the compensation, per diem and travel expense of the Members of the Legislature; authorizing temporary residence of the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House in the Capitol; providing for an election; prescribing the form of ballot and providing for the necessary proclamation and publication.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 5. The Legislature shall meet every year, under the condition and limitation hereinafter set forth, at such time as may be provided by law, and at other times when convened by the Governor.

"During the First Regular Session of each Legislature, which shall convene in January, 1959, and each succeeding two (2) years thereafter, the first thirty (30) days thereof shall be devoted to the introduction of bills and resolutions, acting upon emergency appropriations, passing upon the confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the Legislature; provided that during the succeeding thirty (30) days of the First Regular Session of the Legislature the various committees of each House shall hold hearings to consider all bills and resolutions and other matters as may be submitted by the Governor; provided further that during the following sixty (60) days the Legislature shall act upon such bills and resolutions as may be then pending and upon such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the Legislature; provided, however, either House may otherwise determine its order of business by an affirmative vote of four-fifths (4/5) of its membership.

"During the Second Regular Session of each Legislature, which shall convene in January 1960, and each succeeding two years thereafter, the Legislature shall be authorized to consider and act upon the following only:

"a. Make annual appropriations for the general operation of the State government; which appropriations may be passed by a majority vote of each House.

"b. Consider emergency matters submitted by the Governor; bills embodying such matters shall become law only if the same shall be passed by a two-thirds vote of the Members elected to each House.

"Whenever the term 'Biennial Session' appears in Article 17 of this Constitution, it shall be construed to mean 'First Regular Session.'

"Any bill considered in the Second Regular Session of the Legislature must be introduced in that session."

Sec. 2. That Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 24. Members of the Legislature shall receive from the public Treasury a salary of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) per

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annum and expenses of office in amount and manner as determined by law. The Legislature shall not provide for any per diem for a greater number than one hundred and twenty (120) days during the First Regular Session, sixty (60) days during the Second Regular Session, and thirty (30) days during any Called Session."

Sec. 3. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding a new section to be known as Section 24a to read as follows:

"Section 24a. In addition to other compensation provided herein, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to temporary residence in the State Capitol during their term of office in such quarters and under such conditions as the Legislature may provide."

Sec. 4. That the foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1958, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing for annual Sessions of the Legislature, prescribing the compensation and expenses for members thereof, limiting the per diem for each Session, and authorizing temporary residence of the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Capitol.

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing for annual Sessions of the Legislature, prescribing the compensation and expenses for Members thereof, limiting the per diem for each Session, and authorizing temporary residence of the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Capitol."

Sec. 5. That the Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House, February 12, 1957: Yeas 115, Nays 29; House concurred in Senate amendments, May 14, 1957: Yeas 112, Nays 28; passed, as amended, by the Senate, May 8, 1957: Yeas 22, Nays 7. Approved June 6, 1957.

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To be voted at election to be held Nov. 4, 1958.

## ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY AGED, NEEDY BLIND, NEEDY CHILDREN

### H. J. R. No. 2

Proposing an amendment to Article III, Section 51a of the Constitution of Texas, so as to increase the limit on the maximum monthly payment to needy aged persons from state funds and on the total yearly expenditure out of state funds for assistance to needy aged, needy blind, and needy children; and allocating and appropriating additional sums, supplementing current legislative appropriations, for payment of assistance grants.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 51a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read as follows:

"Section 51a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations and restrictions herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may by the Legis-